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Sedgwick County EMS Offers Classes to Local Schools

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – This year Sedgwick County EMS is conducting a new program called "CPR for Schools" as part their role as a Training Center for the American Heart Association. "Heartsaver CPR for Schools" got started when Sedgwick County EMS began assisting Wichita Collegiate School with CPR training for their students. Since this occurred, numerous schools have shown interest in this training, for their staff members, as well as training to use Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

There will be a "mass training" event on November 15 at Wichita Collegiate School for all staff from 9 a.m. to Noon. Two smaller "Train the Trainer" sessions are scheduled for Derby School Staff on November 19 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These "trainers" will then be able to teach students CPR.

"This is a rapidly growing program, and another example of how Sedgwick County EMS is working in the community," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. "It is important for teachers to know these skills and it is great that they have the ability to teach their students how to potentially save a life. This puts more "first responders" in the community when others need emergency medical care."

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